

this power of rendering the rice grain diastatic, an effect which has hitherto been attributed only to the germination of the embryo, the question whether the effect is a general one or not, must be left to professed vegetable physiologists.

In conclusion, the pleasant task remains to me of expressing my obligations, and offering my thanks to Hiroyuki Kato, Esq., President of the University of Tôkiô, who has rendered my task a comparatively easy one, by the assistance he has given me in various ways. To Mr. Jihei Kameyama also, the proprietor of the *kôji* manufactory in Yûshima, Tôkiô, I am deeply indebted for the willingness with which I have been allowed to make experiments, and to collect information in his works. I wish also to thank my assistant, Mr. Nakazawa, for the interest he has taken in the research, and for much assistance which I have received from him.

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The Annual Meeting for the Election of Fellows was held this day.

THE PRESIDENT in the Chair.

The Statutes relating to the election of Fellows having been read, Sir Joseph Fayrer and Mr. J. W. Hulke were, with the consent of the Society, nominated Scrutators to assist the Secretaries in examining the lists.

The votes of the Fellows present were then collected, and the following candidates were declared duly elected into the Society.

Ayrton, Prof. William Edward.	McLeod, Prof. Herbert, F.I.C.,
Bates, Henry Walter.	F.C.S.
Bristowe, John Syer, M.D.,	Phillips, John Arthur.
F.R.C.P.	Preece, William Henry, C.E.
Christie, William Henry Mahoney,	Samuelson, Bernhard, M.I.C.E.
M.A., Sec. R.A.S.	Stoney, Bindon Blood, M.A.,
Dickie, Prof. George, A.M., M.D.,	M.I.C.E.
F.L.S.	Traquair, Ramsay H., M.D.
Kempe, Alfred Bray, B.A.	Watson, Rev. Henry William,
Macalister, Prof. Alexander, M.D.,	M.A.
Sec. R.I.A.	Wright, Charles R. Alder, D.Sc.

Thanks were given to the Scrutators.